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may be termed religious, but they are un-
touched by the Spirit of Christ, and are but stone
slaying blocks in the path of Christianity - can
it be wondered at that men born aside
from creeds and those ^{associate them} who
they witness such dangerous heresies and teach
in the assemblies of their own souls those sacred
meetings which I believe our Heavenly Father
has planted there to be a true guide to man
on his way to him.

The last American
paper lie on the table just sent in from
Miss Browne. My cousin has been reading
a short passage from St. Douglass' paper
written it appears ^{by me} to me shaped and ill
at ease - it is on N. D. Webb and of Thompson
he is evidently strong to the quick - and
very angry with Mr. Gay and the A.S. Standard
a little more gracious towards Garrison (for
ful of his thunder jibes) but altogether giving
tokens of a weak spirit. Mr. Carpenter dear
I believe concluded his series of letters on
American Slavery in the Am Reformer. I see
that he now advertises them as to be published
separately. I have seen only one since those

we read in Park St - much the same, after the
faction of the Society have "had us go up, up
up, up, and had us go down, down down down"
he dwells on the many virtues of Dr. and
Mrs Gilman, and speaks of the satin bonnets
and lace mantillas of the some of the slaves.
I am glad since he has printed these letters,
that they are to come before the publick in any
new form than that of papers in a non-tarred
periodical, because it will give a better oppor-
tunity of their being replied to, which I hope
they will be by some competent person.
He too has a classical Society having
lectures at noon for his lectures.

Miss Carpenter has been at a large meeting
at Birmingham, which collected three thousand
for her efforts, to consider the state of the
poor and persecuted slaves. I trust some
good will result from it, for it is a sub-
ject of vital interest, and the cause is very
just when it ought to have been attended
to, and have received the consideration
it so well merits. Have you heard that
the poor Armstrongs have been in great

the trouble - pretty fat little bairn who sat so de-
murely on your knee, was very ill with an attack
on her side, which gave her excruciating pain,
but after a time she was relieved. Her recovery
to their flesh child was taken with a second attack
of inflammation on the lungs, and her
life hung for days in the balance - she is now
recovering, and her fond mother, the constant
watcher by her couch day and night, entered
her hopefully once more today. I hear through
another source that Mr Armstrong is ill, I
~~hope~~ at one of his serious attacks, for if so
she will scarcely have strength to attend
the new executions. I trust if this is to be I
may be able to render her some help - she is
one I highly esteem for her truth and undivi-
ding devotion to her duties. On the 24th I
hope to be in Bristol shall you write before
then? I should wish you to do so, well know-
ing that you will desire whatever you can tell
you know about what your letters are to
me but surely ~~and~~ when one comes to me
in spirit, even in the night seasons - the old
fear of seeing is lurking in scores of

calmed without seeing still I love to see
the visible traces, and there is no denying
that the real warm clasp to the heart which
was to have been mine to night would ha-
ve outweighed a thousand Pains long since.
One thing makes it more bearable - I do ad-
apt things as yet, and I would not willingly
bestow on you the gift of my infirmities
though they are leprosy - My fondest love
to all around you, and warm congratulation
to dear Emma that she is restored to you
in this time of anxiety - what she must
have suffered had you been deviated.

Farewell beloved ones may God protect
you and do be careful, for who can tell
from what year to danger may come - My
thoughts wander aimlessly between Europe
and America - yesterday I concluded the Boag
conversed and I but hardly heard out all that
its members have tried to present its being - It
had better trust have worked. I have a letter
call her by that familiar name, for she sends me
ges of love to me; besides I have established